

DAHMER
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"Some women like pregnancy"

Man/Man/Woman

Drama/Thriller

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INT. DOCTOR'S OFFICE - DAY

1960.

JOYCE (24) and LIONEL (24) are at the doctor's. JOYCE is pregnant. LIONEL is concerned for her behavior.

DOCTOR

So, you're how many weeks now?

JOYCE

26.

DOCTOR

Okay, so you're well into your last trimester. The moodiness. The nervousness. Hmm? Look, you want to think of this as the time where you can sit back and relax, just think about the joy that's about to enter your lives when the baby comes. Hmm? Now, I see you've been put on lots of medications. I see some hormones here. Tell me, which drugs are you currently taking?

JOYCE

Uhm -

LIONEL

That's why we're here today, Doctor. It's the medications. She's taking Equanil for anxiety. Now, it's supposed to be as needed, but she's gone through refill after refill.

Joyce gasps.

LIONEL (CONT'D)

Another doctor gave her sleeping pills.

JOYCE

It's important I sleep, Lionel.

LIONEL

Laxatives, Valium. He's given her morphine.

JOYCE

Three times he's given me morphine.

LIONEL
She's had injections of barbiturates.

JOYCE
If they relax me it means I should be taking them.

LIONEL
My concern is the fetus. I fear for the child. You know, you hear about all those thalidomide babies in England -

JOYCE
I'm not taking thalidomide -

LIONEL
Don't interrupt me. You are taking 26 pills a day.

JOYCE
I am taking the pills that the doctors have given me, Lionel. I'm doing what they're telling me to do. All I want is to feel better, and I have you angry with me. And every doctor makes me feel like I'm doing something wrong, and I don't know what it is that I'm doing wrong.

DOCTOR
Okay. Okay. I understand. Your hormones are all over the place. You're confused. Your world is about to be turned upside down -

JOYCE
I don't feel confused -

LIONEL
Joyce.

JOYCE
I just want to know what it is that's actually happening. I mean chemically, that would make me feel this way.

DOCTOR
I don't want you to worry about any of that, okay? All you need to know is that it's normal, and it'll pass. And

it would be best if you could try to deal with it without relying on medication.

JOYCE

I just want this to be over so I can get on with my life. Some women actually enjoy pregnancy. I know that. I feel so guilty that I don't.

DOCTOR

It'll be over soon enough.

LIONEL takes JOYCE's hand. She pulls it back.